

Amendments to the Drawings:

The Attached sheet of drawings includes a correction to the formal drawings submitted July 25, 2004. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3C, replaces the original sheet and the formal drawing sheet 6 for Fig. 3C. In Fig. 3C, an arrow between Box 80 and Box 82 has been added. This arrow was included in the informal drawing of Fig. 3C provided with the application as filed. The arrow as inadvertently omitted from the formal drawing of Fig. 3C.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Currently under examination are claims 1-11 and 22-35.

Claims 1, 9, 34, and 35 have been amended.

Claims 12-21 have been canceled as being directed to an unelected invention and withdrawn from consideration.

Fig. 3C has been corrected to provide an arrow that was included with the figures as-filed but that was omitted from the formal drawings.

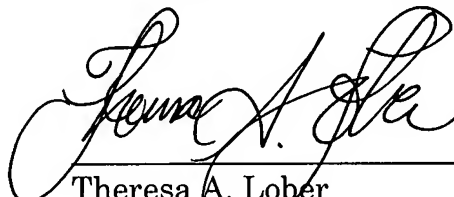
Reconsideration of the claims is hereby requested.

Examiner Sines is thanked for a telephone interview conducted with the undersigned Agent on June 19, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner recommended amendment of claim 1 to make clear that the last step of the claim is employed for controlling a gap as is recited in the preamble of the claim. The amendments to claim 1 and to claims 34 and 35 are directed to this recommendation. Claim 9 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to discuss the claims, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Agent at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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